Payment of DA to Central Government employees in Goa

1197. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Finance Minister had given an assurance in 1990 to Central Government employees in Goa that their demand will be considered to have the D.A. at par with 'A' class city as the cost of living in Goa is very high due to high per capita income of the State; and

(b) if so, at what stage the case is pending and what will be financial implication and when it will *be* implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) There are no records to indicate that the then Finance Minister had given any such assurance in 1990 to the Central Government employees in. Goa.

(b) Does not arise.

वक्फ बोर्डों की आय

1198. श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 31 मार्च, 1991 को समाप्त हुए वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान देश के वक्फ बोर्डों की राज्यवार आय क्या-क्या थी ; और

(ख) इस आय का दुरुपयोग होने से बचाने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी): (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Steel and Power Projects delay due to Rouble trade with USSR.

1199. SHRI SHIVPRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Soviet dislike for Rouble trade delaying, Power, Steel projects" which appeared in the Economic Times of the 5th August, 1991;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that technical credits of over rupees 9000 crores have been, provided by Soviet Union to the Indian Public Sector units;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to economic and political turmoil in USSR Indian Public Sector units have been asked to pay in dollars for the credits provided to them;

(d) if so, whether the supply of capital goods, spare parts and other essential materials to Bakeshwar project and the two blastfurnaces under the modernisation plan for Durgapur Steel plant are being delayed;

(e,) which other projects are affected by dilatory supply of capital, capital goods and spare paris, and to what extent; and

(f) what steps Government propose to take to overcome the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No technical credits of over Rs, 9000 crores have been provided by Soviet Union to the Public Sector units. But agreements have been signed with USSR for providing credits aggregating to Roubles 9995.36 million for different projects in the public sector, which are utilised or drawn upon from time to time depending on the progress of the projects.